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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This responds to the Office action dated June 30, 2008. A three-month period for reply was set, and a three-month extension is hereby requested, making a reply due by December 30, 2008. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.